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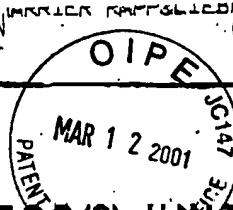
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301 200 2.00 03/06**DECLARATION OF INVENTOR(S) - UNITED STATES**(Signers Of This Declaration Must Read And Understand English: 37 CFR § 1.69)  
(Versions In Other Languages Are Available)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I/we am/are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A Paint Spray Gun**

the specification of which (check one)

 is attached hereto was filed in the USPTO on December 4, 1999 as U.S. Patent Application Ser.

No. 09/727,465

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above, and acknowledge a duty to disclose to the USPTO any information which is material to patentability under Title 37 C.F.R. §1.58 (a).

I hereby claim priority under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) from any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and under § 368 from any PCT International application which designated any country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on the present invention having a filing date before that of the application from which priority is claimed:

			Priority Claimed
<u>199 38 589.5</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>December 4, 1999</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [ ] Yes No
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I hereby claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) the benefit of the filing date(s) of any U.S. provisional application(s) identified below:

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I hereby appoint William D. Hall, RN (Registration Number) 14,311; Robert R. Priddy, RN 20,189; Geoffrey R. Myers, RN 24,887; and Matthew A. Paquinhot, RN 43,851, my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and I request that all correspondence and telephone calls be directed to:

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I hereby declare that all statements made therein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS Dr. Ewald SCHMID of Brunnenstrasse 51, D-72861 Gerau, Germany

hereinafter referred to as assignor, has/have invented a certain improvement relating to

A PAINT SPRAY GUN

for which assignor has caused an application for United States Letters Patent to be prepared.

the declaration by the inventor(s) for said application being executed concurrently herewith by assignor, said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; or

said application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2000, as Serial Number 09/727,498; or

said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the United States of America being designated;

AND WHEREAS SATA-Farbspritztechnik GmbH & Co.whose address is Dornierstrasse 20, D-70805 Kornwestheim, Germany

hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of US\$1.00

and other good and valuable

consideration paid by assignee to assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to assignee and to assignee's successors, including without limitation assigns and survivors of mergers, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, whereby assignee and assignee's successors may have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said application including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and the said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the entire term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of assignee and assignee's successors, as fully and beneficially as assignor might or could have had, held exercised and enjoyed same if this assignment had not been made;

AND assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of assignee or of assignee's successors, any and all acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

AND assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to assignee and assignee's successors in accordance with the terms hereof.

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